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BOTTOMLEY ENTERPRISES, INC.

AKA/POE: MITCHELL BOTTOMLEY

5071 GLADE VALLEY ROAD

ENNICE, NC 28623

**RE: JORDYN GRIFFIS** 

VS: MARY E BRUNK & BOTTOMLEY ENTERPRISES, INC

## Notice of Service

The enclosed process, notice or demand is hereby officially served upon you by the Tennessee Secretary of State pursuant to Tennessee law. Please refer to the process, notice or demand for details concerning the legal matter. If you have any questions, please contact the clerk of the court that issued the process, notice or demand.

The process, notice or demand may have a court date and time that you must appear to defend yourself or the number of days from the date of service by which you are required to file an answer. Failure to appear in court at the time specified or failure to file an answer in the given time could result in a default judgement being rendered against you for relief sought in the lawsuit.

The Secretary of State's office cannot give you legal advice. If you need legal advice, please consult a private attorney.

Secretary of State

Enclosures: Original Documents

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

SOS Summons #: 11455478 Case #:

21-CV-29

Certified #:

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### Hickman County Circuit Court

# STATE OF TENNESSEE **CIVIL SUMMONS**

Case Number

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TCOURT CLERK

Jordyn Griffis Vs. Mary E. Brunk & Bottomley Enterprises, Inc. Served On: Bottomley Enterprises, 5071 Glade Valley Road Ennice NC 28623 Inc.- Mitchell Bottomely You are hereby summoned to defend a civil action filed against you in Circuit Court, Hickman County, Tennessee. Your defense must be made within thirty (30) days from the date this summons is served upon you. You are directed to file your defense with the clerk of the court and send a copy to the plaintiff's attorney at the address listed below. If you fail to defend this action by the below date, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief sought in the complaint. Manar vicus Attorney for Plaintiff: Caleb D. Thomas 28 E. Main St. Hohenwald, TN 38462 NOTICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION TO THE DEFENDANT(S): Tennessee law provides a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) personal property exemption as well as a homestead exemption from execution or seizure to satisfy a judgment. The amount of the homestead exemption depends upon your age and the other factors which are listed in TCA § 26-2-301. If a judgment should be entered against you in this action and you wish to claim property as exempt, you must file a written list, under oath, of the items you wish to claim as exempt with the clerk of the court. The list may be filed at any time and may be changed by you thereafter as necessary; however, unless it is filed before the judgment becomes final, it will not be effective as to any execution or garnishment issued prior to the filing of the list. Certain items are automatically exempt by law and do not need to be listed; these include items of necessary wearing apparel (clothing) for your self and your family and trunks or other receptacles necessary to contain such apparel, family portraits, the family Bible, and school books. Should any of these items be seized you would have the right to recover them. If you do not understand your exemption right or how to exercise it, you may wish to seek the counsel of a lawyer. Please state file number on list. Mail list to CERTIFICATION (IF APPLICABLE) Clerk of \_\_\_\_\_ County do certify this to be a true and correct the original summons issued in this case. Date: \_\_\_ Clerk / Deputy Clerk OFFICER'S RETURN: Please execute this summons and make your return within ninety (90) days of issuance as provided by law. I certify that I have served this summons together with the complaint as follows: Date:\_\_\_\_\_ Please Print: Officer, Title Agency Address Signature RETURN ON SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY MAIL: I hereby certify and return that on \_\_\_\_\_\_, I sent postage prepaid, by registered return receipt mail or certified return receipt mail, a certified copy of the summons and a copy of the complaint in the about styled case, to the defendant \_\_\_\_\_\_. On \_\_\_\_\_ I received the return receipt, which had been signed on \_\_\_\_\_\_ The return receipt is attached to this original summons to be filed by the Court Eler Notary Public / Deputy Clerk (Comm. Expires Signature of Plaintiff Plaintiff's Attorney (or Person Authorized to Serve Process)

ADA: If you need assistance or accommodations because of a disability, please call \_\_\_\_\_\_, ADA Coordinator, at ( ) \_\_\_\_\_\_

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HICKMAN COUNTY AT CENTERVILLE TENNESSEE

JORDYN GRIFFIS, Plaintiff, vs.	)	Docket No.: 21-CV- JURY TRIAL DEMANI	. 29 DED	
MARY E. BRUNK, And	)			D
BOTTOMLEY ENTERPRISES, INC.,	)	۵	SEP 21	2021
Defendants.	)	7	Dana Nicholson, Circu	_plu it Court Clerk Dep. C'k.

## COMPLAINT

Comes now the Plaintiff, Jordyn Griffis, by and through counsel and for is Complaint against Mary E. Brunk ("Brunk") and Bottomley Enterprises, Inc. ("Bottomley") and states as follows:

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. The incident giving rise to this action occurred in Hickman County, Tennessee. Venue in this court is proper pursuant to T.C.A. § 20-4-101.
- 2. This Court may properly exercise jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this Complaint.

#### **PARTIES**

- 3. Plaintiff, Jordyn Griffis, is a resident of Marshall County, Tennessee.
- 4. Defendant, Mary Brunk, is an employee of Bottomley Enterprises, Inc. who was operating a company vehicle in Tennessee on Interstate 40 in Hickman County
- 5. Defendant, Bottomley Enterprises, Inc., is an incorporation who's employee was operating a company vehicle in Tennessee on Interstate 40 in Hickman County

TENNESSEE, HICKMAN COUNTY the undersigned Circuit Court Clerk

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#### **FACTS**

- On September 23, 2020 the vehicle driven by Chelsea Coble was traveling East on Interstate 40 through Hickman County, Tennessee.
- 7. Jordyn Griffis was a passenger of the vehicle driven by Chelsea Coble.
- 8. Mary E. Brunk was operating a tractor trailer owned by Bottomley Enterprise, Inc. and traveling on Interstate 40 through Hickman County in the same direction as the vehicle operated by Chelsea Coble.
- Brunk abruptly attempted to change from her lane of traffic into the lane of traffic
  occupied by Chelsea Coble causing the tractor trailer to strike the vehicle driven by Coble
  and occupied by Griffis.
- 10. More specifically Brunk made an unlawful lane change negligently causing the vehicle she was operating to strike the vehicle operated by Chelse Coble.
- 11. Jordyn Griffis sustained injuries and damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendant, Mary Brunk's negligence while she was operating in her capacity as an employee of Bottomley Enterprises, Inc.

## NEGLIGENCE & NEGLIGENCE PER SE

- 12. The action of Defendant Mary Brunk constitute negligence and negligence *per se*, and are in violation of the common law and statutory laws of the State of Tennessee.
- 13. Specifically, the actions of Defendant, Mary Brunk violated:
  - a. Tenn. Code Ann. §55-8-136- Drivers to exercise due care;
  - b. Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-143- Signal for Turns;
  - c. Tenn. Code Ann. §55-8-197- Failure to yield right-of-way
  - d. Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-8-123- Driving on roadways laned for traffic

- 14. The improper actions of Defendant, Mary Brunk, while operating under her employment by Bottomley Enterprises, Inc. were negligent and served as the sole proximate cause of this accident.
- 15. The Vehicle operated by Mary Brunk was owned by Bottomley Enterprises, Inc. for the purpose of transporting good to and from destinations to Tennessee and various other states as a business practice. Bottomley Enterprises, Inc. employed Mary Brunk for the purpose of operating this company vehicle in such a manner and therefore are vicariously liable for the damages incurred by the negligence of their driver.

#### **DAMAGES**

- 16. Chelsea Coble was covered by an automobile insurance policy by State Farm Insurance that was active on the date of this collision and covered a portion of medical bills related to this cause of action.
- 17. State Farm has paid benefits under this policy and should be notified as an indemnity to this cause of action for all payments made due to this collision.
- 18. Plaintiff, Jordyn Griffis, requires regular appointments with a chiropractor due to headaches and back pain resulting from this incident.
- 19. To date Plaintiff has three thousand one hundred thirty dollars (\$3,130.00) of medical bills related to this incident up to this point and will continue to incur medical bills in relation to this incident
- 20. As a direct proximate result of this incident, the Plaintiff sustained painful person injuries, suffering, undue emotional duress, loss of earning capacity, and loss of ability to participate in and enjoy the pleasures of life, for all which she deserves compensation.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, PLAINTIFF PRAYS:

- For process to issue and be served upon all Defendants, requiring same to answer the allegations hereof;
- 2. For a judgement against the Defendant(s) for compensatory damages in an amount to be determined by the trier of fact, but in no event to exceed \$750,000.00 (seven hundred fifty thousand dollars) as a result of the personal injuries herein complained of as a proximate result of the Defendant's negligence.
- 3. That should this action require a trial that a jury trial be demanded.
- 4. For an award of all discretionary costs, court cost, and such other and further relief that shall be deemed reasonable and necessary.

Respectfully submitted this the \_\_7\struct\_structure day of September, 2021

Caleb D. Thomas (036958)

28 E. Main St.

Hohenwald, TN 38462

(931) 487-4070

## **OATH**

STATE OF TE	ENN.	)
Dewis	COUNTY	)

I, Jordyn Griffis, and would state under oath that the facts stated in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief and that this Complaint is not made out of levity or collusion with the respondent.

Jordyn Griffis

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 2021.

OTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 12/24/2006

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing has been furnished to Defendants via, Service of Process through the Secretary of State for Tennessee's office and via U.S. Mail.

Bottomley Enterprises, Inc. 6460 Glade Valley Rd. Ennice, NC 28623

Mary E. Brunk 2163 Eagle Crest Rd. Camp Creek, WV 25820

Caleb D. Thomas (BPR 036958)